

Heritage Partnerships Program in Oklahoma

The National Park Service is about more than just parks. The Heritage Partnerships Program of the NPS Intermountain Region helps community groups, local, state and federal agencies, tribal governments, nonprofits, and individuals identify, recognize and preserve national treasures that are located outside of our system of national parks.

he Heritage Partnerships Program (HPP) offers a wide range of services that can be tailored to meet the needs of an individual project.

NPS professional staff includes historians, historical architects, and archaeologists who assist project leaders in the preservation of our Nation's most significant places. HPP helps communities and groups identify nationally significant resources; prepare National Historic Landmark (NHL) nominations and historical reports; conduct archaeological and architectural surveys; complete treatment plans for stabilization and repair; and create planning and education materials.



Above: The 1929 Boley girls basketball team. Below: Oklahoma Boley District in the early 1900's. Photos Courtesy of The Coltrane Group, Inc.

HPP comprises several programs, including the National Historic Landmarks; Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), and Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) documentation programs; the National Heritage Areas Program; Historic Surplus Property Program; and the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program. In 2016, HPP supported a variety of projects in Oklahoma, including:

- Black Towns Photo Digitization Project, Okfuskee County provided financial assistance to The Coltrane Group, Inc., to complete the digitization of more than 50 historic photographs with captions to preserve the history of historic black towns of Oklahoma, including Boley, an NHL.
- Fort Gibson Stone Barracks Historic Structure Report (HSR), Muskogee County provided financial and technical assistance to the Oklahoma Historical Society, Museums and Sites Division, to complete an HSR for one of the pivotal historic buildings within the NHL district. The completed HSR includes a treatment and use plan for the building.
- Interpretative Signage for the Murrell Home, Cherokee County provided financial assistance for the design, construction and installation of two exterior interpretive panels for the Murrell Home and the smokehouse, contributing structures within the NHL.





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